



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY MANEUVER SUPPORT CENTER AND FORT LEONARD WOOD
320 MANSCEN LOOP STE 316
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI 65473-8929

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF


ATZT-S

23 OCT 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Veterans Day Safety Message

1. Veterans Day is a well-deserved holiday to honor those who served with the U.S. Armed Forces during wartime. This day provides us a great opportunity to give thanks for our freedom and to honor those who built and have defended our great nation. As we remember our Veterans, also remember those who are currently fighting and securing our future, today. Many Soldiers are entering into harm's way to preserve freedoms that we sometimes take for granted.
2. At this time of year, we are increasingly vulnerable to the effects of cold, winter weather. Snow, ice, sleet, and the effects of the wind are the most critical. You can help avoid hypothermia and frostbite by wearing the proper winter weather clothing for outside activities.
3. If you will be hunting or fishing this holiday, the water temperatures can cause hypothermia. Most people that experience hypothermia don't intend to be in the water, so please wear a flotation device if you plan on being near the water. Carry and use weapons safely and always take a battle buddy with you just in case an accident happens.
4. The challenge everyday is to be accident free. Recently, we have had several accidents involving not wearing seatbelts. Seatbelts can make the difference between walking away unharmed or dying in an accident. Also, the tragic loss of a MANSCEN civilian team member in a motorcycle accident is a reminder that we all need to be alert to our surroundings. As managers and leaders, we need to ensure our Soldiers and civilian employees have an awareness of potential threats and appropriate actions to take. Wear your seatbelt and remain alert!
5. I ask that all of you be safe in your endeavors this weekend and always remember that you are the reason that our country is free, strong, and secure. Say thanks to those Veterans who defended our country long ago and our soldiers that continue to defend it today.
6. Enjoy your extended weekend and return safely with a renewed sense of patriotism.


RANDAL R. CASTRO
Major General, USA
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:
All Brigades, Battalions, Companies,
Detachments, Tenant Units, Directorates,
and Personal Staff Offices